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Dear Sirs,

Following the Local Plan consultation morning, I would like to make the following response:

It is very important that housing to be built should offer easy, close access to both employment, education and sport and leisure facilities, emphasising the need for houses to be built around existing towns as a priority.

It is clear that the cost of fuel is increasingly influencing peoples' choices, leading some families, in my experience, to move from rural areas to towns, where they report that life is much easier without the inconvenience and expense of constant car journeys. This may also lead to the fact that an appreciable number of houses on the market in my own village of Hemyock are remaining unsold for long periods of time, over a year in some cases.

Allied to this the strong probability that the extreme weather conditions from which we are currently suffering have a link to climate change means it is very important to take all possible steps to minimise the use of fossil fuels, which again points to a need for housing to be close to existing towns (option 1) or, if necessary, junction 28 (close to Cullompton option 2b)

Yours faithfully,

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